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SYNOPSIS

At Williamsburg, Virginia: Current dissident activity at the College of William and Mary is mainly directed towards the unseating of the Dean of Students, Carson H. BARNES, Jr. BARNES is the center of resistance to the radical left, whose known population at the college is estimated to be 10 instructors and less than 200 students. Identities of the above faculty members are contained in this report. Attachments one through four are newspaper clippings depicting the atmosphere and current attitudes at the college of William and Mary.

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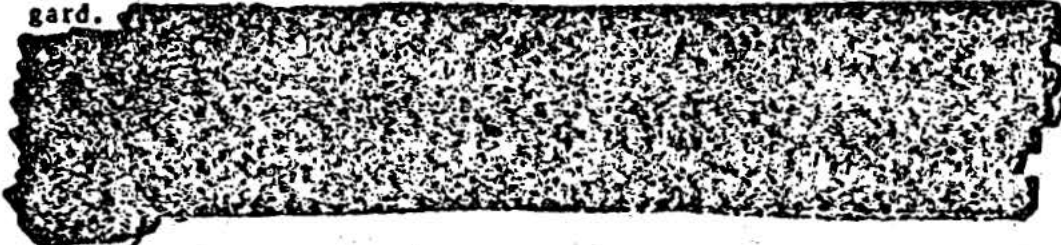
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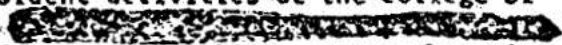
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GENERAL

At Williamsburg, Virginia:

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A previous report of dissident activities at the college of William and Mary is contained  dated 24 November 1969. Since that time Viet Nam moratorium activities have been continued on a small scale (see attachment number one) and these student activist groups known as Student Action Movement (SAM) have ceased to be openly active. There has been no further significant harassment of the college ROTC. Most activist energy has for some time been diverted toward obtaining greater student representation, expanding black enrollment, and obtaining open dormitory visitation privileges. As noted in the above reference report, the latter issue created a confrontation in October 1969 as did anti-ROTC activities. These issues were met head on and diffused by the dean of men, Carson H. BARNES, Jr., who has since become the prime target of radical faculty and students. The crux of this report concerns Dean BARNES, who was promoted to Dean of students in January 1970 and the dissident elements, who oppose him. BARNES was dean of men from 1959 until his promotion. He represents the cynosure of the conservative atmosphere at the college, although in his words, "I have always considered myself a liberal dedicated to progressive education". He can best be described as intelligent, capable, perceptive, and most importantly accurate. He is young, personable, energetic, loyal, devoted, and sincerely interested in the welfare of students. During the October confrontations he acted with restrained authority and the physical courage he possesses as a former football player and coach.



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The attack on BARNES began after the October demonstrations and were initiated in the main by a small group of instructors, within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. During this period BARNES addressed the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg, in which he described the October demonstrations because the local community wanted more information on these incidents. In his speech BARNES criticized the few faculty members who encouraged confrontation and escalation of campus differences and crises. The speech was released to the local and campus press and reaction was immediate by the campus newspaper, The Flat Hat, The Student Association, and various fragmented radical student groups, who number less than 200 persons.

On 10 February 1970, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, one of four such faculties, whose membership represents about one-third of the entire instructional force, voted a lack of confidence in BARNES and deplored his promotion to Dean of students. Approximately 60 to 80 members attended this particular meeting, thereby lacking more than half of its total membership. Following the lead of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, a student referendum was held during the weekend of 14-15 February 1970. The referendum, admittedly conducted under highly questionable circumstances, resulted in a vote of no confidence in BARNES by the students. Slightly more than one-third of the student body participated, voting about five to one against BARNES. The manner in which the referendum was conducted has been criticized by all interested parties, because of late and inequitable ballot distribution and improper accounting. Many ballots did not reach or were not returned from most known conservative campus groups, such as fraternities, sororities, and those dormitories known to house conservative minor students, such as ROTC members.

On 17 February 1970, the Student Association Assembly passed a resolution expressing, "a lack of confidence" in BARNES and voiced "strong" disapproval of his elevation to Dean of students by a vote of 36 to 13 with six abstentions. To indicate the mood of this meeting, the Student Association Assembly also passed a resolution urging Governor HOLTEN to appoint two students and two faculty members to the Board of Visitors, approve the Constitution of the Williamsburg Moratorium Committee, and supporter of the repeal of the college's regulation prohibiting open visitation in men's dormitories.

On 4 March 1970, [REDACTED] was interviewed [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

As a matter of background, it is to be noted that President PASCHALL has been under fire from many sources. The Student Association attempted to unseat him during the 1968-69 school session, he is currently being criticized for increased tuitions, his suspected approval of BARNES, and additionally he is severely tested by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare regarding equal opportunities for blacks.

[REDACTED]

The informant reported that he cannot understand the apparent dissolvment of SAM unless it represents planning for the surfacing of a stronger organization. The informant said that in the light of present attitudes on campus, there is a good possibility that a stronger organization might take the form of a Students for Democratic Society (SDS) chapter. The informant noted that by regulation, any such organization would be sanctioned by the college if it is approved by the Student Association. The informant noted previously expressed opinions that SAM receives literature and directions from SDS. The informant opined that only strong and immediate action by conservative groups could prevent the eventual sanctioning of an SDS chapter at the college and he would be surprised if the administration opposed such an organization. At the same time the informant noted the recent regrouping of the campus chapter of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) after two years of inactivity as well as the appearance of the small conservative campus newspaper.

During the course of the interview [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The informant said that there are about 10 such persons, each of whom works to influence five or six friends to secure their vote in accordance with the will of the smaller group. The informant stressed the influence that this group has been able to exert on the Student Association and the college newspaper, and he emphasized that the group constantly assures of American Civil Liberty Union (ACLU) protection for all student dissident actions.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] leader of open dormitory visitation demonstrations, and in every sense a radical".

[REDACTED] "Quietly active and never outspoken."

[REDACTED] "He was the prime-mover last year but now acts mainly in support".

[REDACTED] local American Civil Liberties Union and very active in the campaign to advise students of their rights relative to the draft, ridicules in speech and action, [REDACTED] with the Student Association and the campus newspaper, The Flat Hat".

[REDACTED] "He was formerly the

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head of the [REDACTED] and has been here a long time. He was never [REDACTED] radical, but he was responsible for hiring those in the [REDACTED] Department who are radical and appears to have come under their influence. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"He will agitate for anything".

[REDACTED] (no comment but see Attachment Number 3).

[REDACTED] is most unstable and yet a counselor at the College Counseling Service. [REDACTED] is present at all protests and marches, and is an organizer of the retreats in Hanover County". (See Attachment Number 2)

[REDACTED]

"He is at all protests and was busy urging the students on and assuring them of ACLU backing during the dormitory sit-ins".

[REDACTED] "He is a paranoid".

The date following the name of each of the above individuals indicates the year they were first appointed to the instructional staff at William and Mary.

In conclusion it would appear that the future success of dissident activity of William and Mary revolves around Dean BARNES. His loss to the college would be a resounding victory for radical students and faculty and unquestionably the beginning of more serious difficulties.

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Attachments: (1) News clipping of Viet Nam Moratorium Activities
(2) News clipping of retreat at Hanover County
(3) Letter to the editor of the college newspaper

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- (4) A general gathering of editorial comments, letters to the editor, and feature articles appearing in the Flat Hat, and one article from a local news media.